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ANGEL et al. )

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For: WATER-SOLUBLE OF WATER-DISPERSIBLE (CO)POLYMERS OF  
HYDROXYALKYL (METH)ACRYLATES, A PROCESS FOR THEIR  
PREPARATION, AND THEIR USE AS COATING AGENT, BINDER AND/OR  
FILM-FORMING EXCIPIENT IN PHARMACEUTICAL DOSAGE FORMS

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

In response to the Office action of June 7, 2004 applicants request  
reconsideration in view of the following remarks.

Claims 1-8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the  
alternative under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Dagmer et al. (US 5,354,803).

Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

The presently claimed invention relates to polymers which are obtained by  
radical polymerization of a vinyl monomer mixture in the presence of a polyvinyl alcohol,  
wherein the monomer mixture must have a content of a hydroxyalkyl (meth)acrylate  
which is at least equal to the other possible vinyl monomer, i.e. at least 50% by weight  
of such hydroxy alkyl acrylate. This is an essential feature of the claimed invention.